(ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ)

ನೀಯರೂ ಕೂಡ 5,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಡೊನೇಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರವನ್ನು ಬೇಗ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಿರುವ ಅಡಚಣೆಯೇನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಅಲ್ಲೊಂದು ಪ್ರೈಮರಿ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರವನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರವರು ಒಂದು ವರದಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Questions Nos. 392 and 533 may be taken up together.

Prohibition at K.G.F. (Demand for abolition).

Q.—392. Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the entire audience of a mammoth gathering on the 29th August 1955 addressed by the Chief Minister demanded that Prohibition in K.G.F. be scrapped immediately ;

(*b*) whether they would come forward to scrap prohibition in the K.G F. in consideration of the wishes of the people of that place ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No. It is a directive principle of the Constitution of India that the State should endeavour to bring about Prohibition. The question of introduction of Prohibition on an All-India basis is under the consideration of the Planning Commission. The recommendations of the Prohibition Enquiry Committee are under the consideration of Government and a policy decision will be taken in due course.

Q.—533. Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI (K.G.F.—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the majority of the people in K.G.F. have expressed their opinion against prohibition in K.G.F. when the Chief Minister visited the place in August 1955 ;

(*b*) the reaction of the Government to the opinion expressed ?

A.— Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Did the Hon'ble Minister consult the Chief Minister before answering this question, Sir ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I rise to a point of order, Sir. Whether a Minister can give out information as to whether he consulted the Chief Minister or not. Those are matters entirely left to the Ministers.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is true. But in this case, the particular information for consideration is whether in the presence of the Chief Minister the proposal was denied.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—It may be so, Sir. But the answer given would really affect the joint responsibility. Whatever answer is given by a Minister is supposed to be the answer on behalf of the Government. Whether a question as to any individual Minister consulted the Chief Minister can be allowed to be answered.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Because, as the Hon'ble Member puts it, it is the joint responsibility of the Government, he has asked it.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not a fact that the Hon'ble the Chief Minister while addressing the gathering he himself put the prohibition issue to vote and got a unanimous verdict against the prohibition ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—The answer given is 'No'

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is the Government aware that besides the Chief Minister, several Hon ble Members of this House were also present in that gathering ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—No, Sir.